

DIRECTION FOR THE PLAN

The following vision of the future guides this plan and any subsequent development for the south side:

- Opportunities for high quality, resource-based destination experiences and information, orientation, and recreation services and facilities convenient to park visitors are provided.
- Facilities and access in a location and manner that minimizes impacts on resources, local lifestyles, and communities are developed.
- Working partnerships for funding and phasing development outlined in this concept plan are established.

In addition, the cooperative planning partners have identified a number of more specific goals:

- Provide access to and a location for interpretation of the special qualities found in Denali National Park and Preserve and Denali State Park, including access to the spectacular alpine landscape on the south side of the Alaska Range.
- Offer a range of experiences and opportunities to meet the diverse needs of the traveling public, including information and orientation to the region; new or improved recreation facilities; enhanced state and national park interpretation; and shelter in bad weather.
- Ensure that, viewed as a whole, facilities and services benefit all visitors, including Alaska residents, independent travelers, and package tour travelers.
- Design and develop facilities and access improvements to support public use and understanding of the south side and its outstanding resources.
- Establish a research program and identify management needs to guide facility and road development.
- Facilitate orderly economic development in the region consistent with resource protection.
- Minimize and mitigate adverse effects on fish and wildlife resources, habitat, cultural resources, local rural quality of life, and existing public land and resource uses, including subsistence uses.
- Establish methods, responsibilities, and necessary steps to control unwanted secondary impacts of tourism and to minimize conflicts between different visitor groups.